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Coconino County Sheriff's Deputies Respond to a Four Vehicle Collision in Mountainaire

Flagstaff, AZ- On Monday, December 7, 2009 at about 10:30 a.m. a Coconino County Sheriff's Deputy who had just finished investigating a weather related motor vehicle collision that occurred in Mountainaire, was advised by a passing motorists of a multi vehicle collision that also occurred in Mountainaire.

The deputy located a four vehicle weather related collision on Pawnee between Cherokee and Seneca. Investigation revealed that a commercial propane hauling truck attempted to drive East or uphill on Pawnee when the vehicle lost traction and slid down the hill coming to rest in a ditch and partially blocking Pawnee. A motorist driving a pickup truck drove around the propane truck and attempted to drive up the hill. That vehicle also lost traction and slid down Pawnee colliding with the Propane Truck. A motorist operating a minivan drove around the collision up the hill also lost traction slid down the hill and collided with the propane truck and the pickup truck. An SUV that was at the top of Pawnee attempted to drive down the hill lost traction and collided with the above listed vehicles.

A heavy duty wrecker that responded to remove the propane truck attempted to turn around at the intersection of Pawnee and Cherokee became disabled in the snow and blocked the entire intersection. A second heavy duty wrecker arrived and eventually the roadway was cleared of all the vehicles. Fortunately no one was injured during this collision.

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